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recognize that locals are under lid limits, so it could be said that the lid limit will hold the line on their requests. But it still seems to me that there is a possibility into the future of increasing needs fairly...fairly significant over which we'd have no control. So it seems to me that it isn't illogical for us to take the position that if we're going to get into tough times there will be a sensitivity, at least, on the part of school boards in this state to recognize that and react accordingly without simply submitting to the state needs that may be affected by the levy limit, the valuations, lowering of income, or whatever may happen at the local level. Once again, if it's the will of the body, whether it's a year from now or five years from now, if they want to save that pain at the local and make it up through state aid, you still, that ability is That opportunity is there. there. You know, the higher education depends on our goodwill, if you will, and our needs as we see them in higher education. They are vulnerable year after year after year, many times which they remind us. constitu...every thing we have in this state is dependent upon the will of this body, the economics, the economy, what have you. And so to make someone held harmless, if you will, forever doesn't always seem to make sense to me and we don't have to look at it that way. This bill doesn't make that major change. It simply says we're going to have some options if and when that time comes. And it seems to me that now is the logical time to make that when we are in relatively good times. As many of you there's no foreseeable disaster ahead. necessarily see a foreseeable disaster ahead myself. does give us a little more flexibility. The will of the body can still be maintained when you get there, and I know you can make the case on the other side, that if we have to make that decision, then we can make it with 25 votes then. I understand that, but I'll hazard a guess that it's much easier to make that decision now without the pressure of the world is falling in on us, you have to save...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...the schools, you have to save the university, you have to save the state colleges, you have to save the community colleges, you have to save the constitutional officers, you have to save the courts. Where are you going to